



Dear Friends,

I will be leaving the Maine Arts Commission in the beginning of August 2022. I have served with the agency for over 15 years working on Maine's arts infrastructure. I started by managing the Public Art Program, going on to serve as the Media and Performing Arts Officer, and finally as the agency Grants Director. I have truly enjoyed working with the amazing artists and organization administrators. I am privileged to have had so many experiences with this dynamic, passionate, scrappy, dedicated, community of visionaries, oddballs, and workhorses. Experiencing the care, kindness, and grace of people making art in Maine has been the best part of working at the Maine Arts Commission and I will truly miss it.

I sometimes feel that the arts in Maine may have more challenges than opportunities ahead. However, every year Mainers find ways to make and present world class creative works that nourish communities and contribute to the authenticity of this special place. The arts in Maine continue to persist, thrive and evolve and this renews my faith and optimism every time I experience the creative work being accomplished by individuals in the Dirigo State.

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Upcoming Public Commission Meetings:

September 14, 2022

November 9, 2022

[Contact](#) our agency if interested in attending. We would love for you to join us.

I plan to continue being a part of the cultural scene by attending events, as a supportive patron, and as a volunteer. I look forward to crossing paths and keeping in touch. I will be joining the team at Maine Connectivity Authority. I will be serving as their Grants Manager to help deliver affordable broadband access to all Maine citizens. This is a different kind of infrastructure work that I hope will be as satisfying and engaging as my working with you all in the creative sector.

-Kerstin Gilg



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Grant Winners Announced

The Maine Arts Commission is investing more than \$325,000 into the state's arts sector through its latest round of grant awards. In total, 96 artists and organizations will receive funding for public art projects, creative services, and educational resources that seek to strengthen and broaden access to the arts across the state.

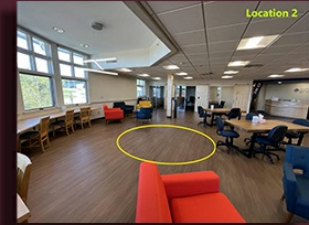
[View the full list of FY 2023 Grant Awards](#)

Arts Commission members met in June and July to approve the grant making process. The 2023 fiscal year grant offerings (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) include: Artist & Organization Project Grants, Organization Operation Costs, Creative Aging programs for the elderly, and a new Springboard Grant for first time applicants, emerging artists, or artists that may encountered barriers to getting funded in the past. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients. We look forward to continuing to fund Maine's vibrant arts community and providing our services to the field.

Maine Arts Commission		
2023 Artist Project Grant		
Applicant	Community	Project Title
Adams, Tara	Bar Harbor	Thru About Collective Recreation
Adams, Cary	Bar Harbor	Soundscapes of Blacks, Maine
Armstrong, Amanda	Bangor	Studio Access & Growth
Brown, Daley	Penikese Island	Coastal Placemaking Installation at the Wells Reserve Marine Lab
Brown, Peter	Danvilleville	First the Cray (Phase 2)
Cassell, Cole	Penikese Island	Penikese Artist Studio
Chisholm, Yvonne	Portland	Maine through my eyes- Maine a través de mis ojos
Coffey, Larry	Winthrop	Maine BlackQueer
Cox, Heidi	Carthage	Teens On - Working Artist 2022
Gorman, Michael	Palmton	THE ARKS INSIDE ME
Hawthorn, Dylan	Portland	What The Sun Might Bring
Hickson, Amanda	Bucksport	Revelation: The New Baseball
Jones, Eleanore	Gorham	85 day wilderness canoe carrying trip
Lall, Tara	Penikese	On Thruing Project
Lowden, John	Eastport	Eastport ArtWalk Weekends
McCracken, Carol	Portland	From My Window - Winter Memoir
Morla, Madeline	Winthrop	Take Wing Documentary Project (Working Title)
Hillman, Amanda	Portland	Burlesque Dance in Portland
Hewitt, Ryan	Lebanon	Canoeing
Jay, Elaine	Lebanon	Historic Handwriting Techniques for Students
Kim, Vanessa	Winthrop	Artistic expression and resistance: weaving voices
Phillips, Austin	Portland	Halloween Hustle Show
Pratt, Lucy	Barnstable	Creating the First US Children's Summer Reading Adventure
Rosen, Stacy Jane	Portland	In the wild we were
Swann, Kate	Seaboard	Sharon Schmitt's Wooden O Festival
Tucker, Andrea	Winthrop	Online Quilt: Woodstock Prints 2023 - Present
Truitt, Sara	Lebanon	Preserving the Light & Love Free or Don't 2 using recording project
2023 Artist Springboard Grant		
Applicant	Community	Project Title
Adams, Tara	Bar Harbor	Studios to Build a Safe Community Cabin and Outdoor System
Baldwin, Catherine	South Portland	Art in Residence Vermont Community Center
Connerston, Kerry	Gorham	Photography zine workshop
Cole, Rebecca	Winthrop	Wildlife Court/Pond/Chase Maze
Daley, David	Winthrop	Studio Growth
Davies, Jeffrey	Lebanon	Working with the Windows Open
Edwards, Jerry	South Portland	SEMI CITY 2 Album
Frost, Catherine	Winthrop	Establishment of Free Woodworking
Harris, Vincent	Winthrop	Resident Movement Map
Hickson, Amanda	Lebanon	Art Market Booth Improvements
Jones, Ben	Winthrop	The Sewer and Other Poems
Joynt, Dale	Seaboard	Color Quilt Transfer/Quilt Biscuit/Painting Workshop
Lemon, Valerie	Winthrop	Writing the Land



PERCENT FOR ART



Public Art Opportunity | Submit Proposal by Aug. 15

Washington County Community College

Calling Maine artists to submit proposals to design, create and install artwork in newly renovated spaces in Riverview Hall, the central building of the Washington County Community College in Calais, Maine. Open to all artists with a connection to Maine.

PROJECT BUDGET \$18,000

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. EST

A selection committee of five members will jury submissions for the project. The committee will review the materials to determine whom to invite for a second round of evaluation. Artists selected for the second round will receive a \$500 design fee for refining their proposals. Final proposals will include detailed models, drawings, renderings, samples of work and/or materials depending on the nature of the proposal. Learn more about [Percent For Art opportunities here](#)>

Maine Arts News & Opportunities

- [Threadbare Theatre Artistic Director Wins Prince Grace Award](#)
- [Call to Artists: NIGHTMARES](#)
- [Portland Conservatory of Music Now Accepting Sponsors](#) for upcoming season
- [Arts & Cultural Alliance of Maine announces new name, logo](#)
- [CMCA Offering Artist Residency](#)
- [Biddeford ArtWalk: Free Vending/Display Opportunity](#)
- [All Aboard: Exploring Nonprofit Board Service - MANP Webinar](#)
- [National Leaders of Color Fellowship](#)- A strategic leadership development program for Black, Indigenous and people of color leaders who are committed to the advancement of cultural equity in the arts.
- [Cultural Alliance of Maine Announces New Director](#)
- [How Can Arts & Cultural Organizations Be More Welcoming?](#)
- [Jane Herbert: A Solo Exhibition of Paintings at Richard Boyd Gallery](#)

- [What Do Economic Concerns Mean for Admission Prices - A Report](#)
 - [L A Arts Hires Gerald Walsh as New Manager](#)
 - [Heart of Ellsworth - Water Street Mural Highlights](#)
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- Get found: be sure to update your directory listing at [MaineArts.com](#), as well as at the New England Foundation for the Arts' [CREATIVE GROUND](#).
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Events & Additional Opportunities

- [Isle Theater Company Presents: PLAYING MERCURY 8/4 - 8/14](#)
- [Creative Portland Summer Stage Series 8/5](#)
- [Gallery Talk with Constructed & Found Artists 8/5](#)
- [Sлимпickins & Banjo Sean Lorway, Denmark Arts Center 8/5](#)
- [Palaver Strings - Beehive Chamber Series 8/7](#)
- [Camden Summer Sounds: Jazz, Camden Snow Bowl 8/7](#)
- [Call for Exhibition Proposals, Gallery 263 - Deadline 8/8](#)
- [Portland Chamber Music Festival: Nate's World , 8/9](#)
- [L/A Community Little Theatre presents "School of Rock" 8/11-8/21](#)
- [Ashley Bryan - The Poet, A Farnsworth Collective Event 8/12](#)
- [Play: World Builders, Stonington Opera House 8/12](#)
- [Celebration Barn Presents: An Evening of Acoustic Music with the Lazours - 8/13](#)
- [Second Annual Fiddlers' Rendezvous in Kennedy Park - 8/14](#)
- [Portland Brass Quintet - Chamber Series 8/21](#)
- ["Pony" by Sylvan Oswald, Final Production of Portland Theater Festival](#)
- [Portland Fine Craft Show - 8/27](#)
- [The Ahab Inside Me"—A High-Sea's Blues Opera Sails into Augusta 9/2,3,4](#)

